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I am a recreational fisherman and a member of Coastside Fishing Club.

After listening to you and others tout the transparency of the MLPA process since the beginning, the meaning is finally becoming clear to me. Those who provide the funding are directing the course of this process. This became very apparent at Thursday's BRTF meeting where the best science and recommendations of the SAT were ignored by the BRTF in favor of a lower conservation rating for salmon fishing.

The only transparency of this process is the end result will yield larger and larger MPA's without regard to the true issues. I have seen the recreational community suggest specific closures for the good of our resources only to watch other groups try to take advantage of this by expanding it even more without any basis.

When the best science is disregarded by the BRTF the transparency becomes an agenda.

The course this process is taking will lead to huge economic and social impacts throughout the region. Recreational fishing is a particularly wholesome and educational activity. The youth of our society deserve more opportunities than video games and gang banging as they mature.

Respectfully,

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